

Crop Insurance News

Insuring Forage Crops

Did you know established stands of forage crops in Merrimack County can be insured for losses under the USDA crop insurance program? Forage Production insurance covers losses on stands of alfalfa, alfalfa and perennial grasses, and mixed alfalfa and perennial grasses due to adverse weather, irrigation system failure, insects, disease and fire. The price election for the 2006 crop year is \$186 per ton. September 30, 2005 is the final date to obtain Forage Production crop insurance. Current Forage Production policyholders also have until September 30 to make any changes to existing contracts. Farmers should contact a crop insurance agent as soon as possible for premium quotes and other details. For a list of crop insurance agents, farmers may contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency office or log on to the Risk Management Agency web site at www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/

How about the other counties in New Hampshire? For the rest of the State, the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program offered by the New Hampshire Farm Service Agency covers losses on alfalfa, grasses, and mixed forage due to damaging weather, adverse natural occurrences, and conditions related to damaging weather. September 30, 2005 is the final date to obtain 2006 forage production coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Current participants have until September 30 to renew their coverage by paying the applicable service fee. The service fee equals \$100.00 per crop, up to a total of \$900.00 per producer. For more information, farmers should contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency office or log on to the Farm Service Agency website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Farmer Survey

Are you a New Hampshire farmer? Have you participated in crop insurance educational programs or purchased crop insurance in recent years? Would you like to share your opinion about crop insurance? Log on to the New Hampshire Crop insurance web page hosted by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food at www.nh.gov/agric/ and complete the on-line survey. The first 20 farmers who complete the survey will receive a voucher for a free soil test through UNH Cooperative Extension.